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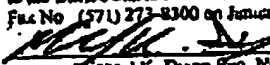
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT - ELECTION

Sir:

The Examiner issued a restriction requirement on December 28, 2005 in which the Examiner identified Group 1, claims 1-13, as being drawn to a method, and Group 2, claims 14-19 as being drawn to a product. In response to the non-final Office Action (hereinafter "the Action"), the undersigned representative respectfully disagrees with the conclusion that there exist two inventions. Claims 1-13 are drawn to a method of plating an organic

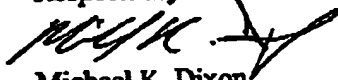
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substrate, and claims 14-19 are drawn to a process for making a product by this method. Research of patents directed to method of plating an organic substrate will as a matter of course yield patents disclosing products produced by that same method in those same patents. Thus, the undersigned representative respectfully disagrees that the claims directed to a method of plating an organic substrate and claims drawn to a process for making a product by this method are two distinct inventions.

Nonetheless, should the Examiner conclude that there are two inventions claimed in the above-identified patent application, claims 1-13 are elected. In addition, the species directed to the organic substrate on fibers is elected. This species is identified in claims 1-3 and 6-13. No fees are believed due; however, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-0951.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further is necessary, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned representative at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,



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